A message from our program director:

Dear graduates,

Congratulations on your tremendous achievement. We are so proud of what you have accomplished during your time at UC Merced and with CalTeach. You have persevered through an incredibly tough year and I know you will do amazing things on your next journey. We wish you all the best and stay in touch!

-Chelsea Arnold
Ivy Nguyen  
MAJOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING  
MINOR: NSED  
"The program has made me realize how much I want to become a teacher as well as gave me the opportunity to work with students in the classroom."

Jose Guzman  
MAJOR: COGNITIVE SCIENCE  
MINOR: NSED  
"It has helped me realize the appreciation I have for education. This has led me to want to give back my knowledge to students."

Joy Cox  
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE  
MINOR: NSED  
"The CalTeach program has helped me by giving me the opportunity to experience face to face fieldwork in a classroom. The program also helped me learn about the main issues in a classroom that attribute to a high achievement gap and what new teachers should do in a classroom to lessen the gap."
"I thoroughly enjoyed my fieldwork placements and assignments which helped me gain real-life experience. I also found it helpful to write real-world type lesson plans in my NSED classes and actually teach my lessons to my classmates."

Smita Kumar  
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY  
MINOR: NSED  
"CalTeach has helped me gain experience teaching and observing a variety of different grade levels. I was able to speak with their great advisors and receive advice for test preparation and entering credential programs."

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"The CalTeach program has helped me prepare for my future career choice by giving me the opportunity to work with students in a classroom setting and gain advice from current teachers."

Jacqueline Ochoa  
MAJOR: BIOLOGY  
MINOR: NSED  
"I wasn't sure which grades I wanted to teach in my career, but after my first field placement, I know I want to teach elementary school which led me to get my multiple subject teaching credential."

Amor Guadalupe Lugo Espinoza  
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY  
MINOR: NSED

Marcos Alberto Marcos  
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY  
MINOR: NSED

David Martinez  
MAJOR: BIOLOGY  
MINOR: NSED
This semester, fieldwork students completed part of their fieldwork requirements through this new program, Bobcat Online Homework Help. K-12 students came on to a zoom classroom and were placed in grade-level rooms where undergrad students assisted them with their homework questions. This program was run Monday-Thursday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

We will continue this service in Spring 2021 and a new set of CalTeach students in one of the CalTeach courses will be leading breakout rooms.

For more information, click here!

As a response to remote learning this year, CalTeach launched a new webinar series for K-12 teachers. The CalTeach System-Wide Tech Webinars included everything from creating a classroom community to utilizing Zoom and Canvas. This fall we had 5 webinars and we hope to continue this series in spring 2021.

You can watch the webinar recordings by clicking here!

Andrea Mahe and Carlos Garcia were our two first-ever MCOE Virtual Caring Kids Interns this fall. They led math and science lesson plans for the Caring Kids Playgroup, started by Merced County Office of Education twice a week. Their lesson plans included hands-on activities, STEM demonstrations, and sometimes even songs!

Interested in applying for a future internship? Click here!